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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MAY 1, 2012

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At 10:11 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The 1st City Council Budget Workshop/Hearing will be considered during the regular City Council meeting.

May 1, 2012

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in the City Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENTS DAY PARTICIPANTS

Sydney Baron, Lance Bello, Alan Robert Carlos, Cameron Chaffey, Shannon Chen, Anthony Chow, Carolyn Egekeze, Will Fan, Marissa Grinnell, Daniel Houston, Nicolas Huizar, Dylan Hyman, Matteo Marsella, Erin Nebres, John Oh, Jocelyn Ramirez, Kyra Robinson, Tiara Scott, Amberlyn Silva, Daniel Wang, Jessica Xu.

Mayor Scotto announced that elected officials and department heads will be taking seats in the audience and Students and Government Day participants will be replacing them and conducting the first portion of the meeting.

Student Mayor **Daniel Wang** called the meeting back to order.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Student Councilwoman **Jessica Xu**.

Student Councilman **Daniel Houston** gave the non-sectarian invocation

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Agenda Items 5 and 6 were considered out of order at this time.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Councilman **Lance Bello** announced the City Yard Open House and Car Show with the Disaster Preparedness Expo and Environmental Fair on June 9 from 10 am – 2 pm at the City Services Facility, including a drop off recycling event during the same time at the parking lots surrounding City Hall. For more information visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/24306.htm.

Student Councilwoman **Erin Nebres** announced that the Centennial Community Parade and Time Capsule Dedication will take place Sunday, September 16. Parade Entry applications are now available online at www.TorranceCentennial.org.

Student Councilwoman **Amberlyn Silva** announced that on May 24 the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Mayor Frank Scotto for his State of the City Address at the Torrance Marriott. Tickets are available for \$35 per person through the Chamber of Commerce. A video highlight will be available on Torrance CitiCABLE or online along with a full transcript of his remarks on www.TorranceCA.Gov.

Student Councilman **Cameron Chaffey** announced that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 38th Annual Medal of Valor Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 10, which recognizes acts of bravery of our police officers and firefighters as they selflessly serve and protect our communities.

Student City Clerk **Marissa Grinell** reminded viewers that the June 5 California Primary election is almost here. Voter registration ends on May 21 and sample ballot pamphlets may be mailed any time after May 7. Check the mail carefully. Torrance voting districts have been reconfigured by a redistricting commission after the 2010 census. Voters will be in new congressional and state districts this year. Check your ballot carefully for candidates and measures. Information is also available at LAVote.net or at SmartVoter.org or contact the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870.

Student City Treasurer **Kyra Robinson** reminded the public that the City Treasurer's website now publishes many reports. You can access the City's Monthly Investment Report, the City's Investment Policy and Minutes of the quarterly Deferred Compensation meeting and fund review. As part of our Centennial Celebration you can find 100 years of pictorial history of Torrance's City Treasurers.

Student City Manager **Tiara Scott** stated that last year the State Legislature and the Governor appropriated a revenue source from the City. This is a fee paid by the citizens related to vehicle licenses. The citizens still pay this fee but now it goes to the state and not to the cities – in Torrance this resulted in a loss of \$530,000 per year.

In 2011, the League of California Cities filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's diversion of vehicle license fee revenues through SB 89 and AB 118. This resulted in the state diverting \$130 million of local Vehicle License Fees from the cities. These dollars funded municipal public safety and other vital services and also included special allocations for four newly incorporated cities and recently annexed inhabited areas. The League is arguing that the SB 89 and AB 118 violate both Proposition 22 and Prop. 1A.

The case will be heard by the Sacramento County Superior Court on May 4 and the City Manager is recommending the use of a portion of our catastrophic contingency reserve to offset this funding loss until there is a decision from the court.

Student Assistant City Manager **Carolyn Egekeze** announced that in 2008, the Torrance City Council adopted the 2008 Strategic Plan for the City. The Plan was updated by a group of sixteen citizens, who met weekly from January through May. Once the Plan was finalized, an action plan was implemented. We will be presenting our second report on Thursday, May 3, before the Strategic Plan Committee to review the first year of action plan activity.

Student Communication and Information Technology Director **John Oh** reported on the CIT Department's progress in pursuing technical solutions to increase productivity and reduce operational expenses while increasing efficiency.

We continue expanding our virtual server environment whereby one virtual server replaces four to six physical servers, thus saving on energy needed. We're also implementing a power management solution whereby PC's left on will switch into "standby" mode after normal business hours. Through these efforts, we hope to contribute to the "greening" of Torrance by finding more technical solutions and efficiencies in the future.

Student Finance Director **Nicolas Huizar** reminded the community that budget workshops/public hearings are scheduled for May 8 and May 15 during the regularly scheduled City Council meetings in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Student Public Works Director **Alan Robert Carlos** announced that the Public Works Department just completed the delivery of 11,000 green waste recycling containers to Torrance residents which brings the total program participation to over 20,000 homes. The remaining 9,000 homes will receive their containers as early as this summer, depending on equipment delivery. Full implementation of this recycling program will remove over 12,500 tons annually from landfills.

Student Community Development Director **Sydney Baron** announced that for the last three months, the department has rotated a Honda EV Fit amongst various City staff members as part of the American Honda test project in participation with Google and Stanford University. Staff has been reviewing and inspecting the chargers and now have a better understanding and appreciation for EVs, their technology and environmental benefits they can have on our local community. The City is focusing on ways to promote and support the need for electric vehicle chargers for what is expected to be a growing industry in the near future. This is just one of the many environmental initiatives the Mayor and Council have promoted through the various City departments.

Student Transit Director **Matteo Marsella** noted that the week of May 14 to May 18 is "Bike Commute Week" in the City of Torrance. In support, Torrance Transit System and the Municipal Area Express (MAX) will offer free rides to all bicyclists on Thursday, May 17. All passengers have to do to qualify for the free fare is board the bus with a bicycle or helmet and cyclists may stop by our city sponsored pit-stop May 17 in front of City Hall between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. for a light breakfast.

Student General Services Director **Jocelyn Ramirez** reminded everyone about the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation 18th Annual Gala "The Roaring Twenties" at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. For an invitation or more information, please contact the Foundation Office at (310)378-8100.

Student Community Services Director **Anthony Chow** announced that the department is presenting Habitat Restoration/Community Service for Students at the Madrona Marsh on Saturday, May 5, from 8:45 AM - Noon. Participants will work on planting native vegetation, weeding, propagating and watering new plants. Please wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and be ready to work. Refreshments will be provided. Rain cancels this program. Arrive on time as late comers miss the training and therefore will not be allowed to work. Students 14 years or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please call (310) 782-3989 if you have questions.

Student Fire Chief **Shannon Chen** reminded residents that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, May 2, at approximately 11:30 a.m. For more information, the ExxonMobil Public Affairs Advisor may be contacted at 310.212.4756.

Student Police Chief **Dylan Hyman** announced that the 53rd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration will be held the weekend of May 18 through May 20 with featured tribute to the United States Air Force. The celebration includes exhibits at the Del Amo Fashion Center. The parade will be led by U.S. Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donely on Saturday, May 19, and will start at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.TorranceCa.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm.

City Attorney **Will Fan** announced that the annual "Ask a Lawyer Program" was held today at the Torrance Courthouse. In celebration of Law Day, approximately 20 volunteer attorneys provided free consultations to the community on legal subjects such as general civil litigation, family law, landlord-tenant, real estate, probate and estate planning.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "BIKE COMMUTE WEEK"

Student Councilman **Cameron Chaffey** read the proclamation declaring the week of May 14 through May 18 as **Bike Commute Week** in the City of Torrance, and encouraging all commuters to participate by riding their bicycles to work on Thursday, May 17.

Student Mayor **Daniel Wang** presented the proclamation to Planning Associate Jill Crump, Ride Share Coordinator Kim Fuentes, and Transit Administration Manager Jim Mills.

6B. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, provided an update on the construction of the Centennial Plaza and beautification of the Torrance Bridge; reported that the sale of commemorative bricks for the plaza ends today and approximately 550 bricks have been sold; and noted that the Executive Committee was in the process of selecting and securing items for the time capsule to be buried in Centennial Plaza.

Dee Hardison, vice-chair of the Centennial Committee, reported that the winning essay from each of the 21 participants in Students and Government Day will be included in the time capsule along with a photo of the group.

MOTION: Student Councilman Bello moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Student Councilwoman Nebres and passed by unanimous vote.

STUDENT AND GOVERNMENT DAY CONCLUSION

Student Mayor Daniel Wang thanked Mayor Scotto, Councilmembers and City staff for a fun and enlightening day, which provided an opportunity for students to experience the crucial role public servants and local government play in the community.

Mayor Scotto commended the students for doing an exceptional job and encouraged their continued involvement in local government.

Dr. George Mannon, TUSD superintendent, thanked Mayor Scotto for creating this unique program for eight graders, which exposes them to the workings of government at an early age.

Chris Sheck, principal of Calle Mayor Middle School, discussed the benefits of the program for middle school students.

Mayor Scotto recognized former mayor Dee Hardison and his wife Cindy Scotto for planning and organizing Students and Government Day and thanked Selection Committee members Donna Duperron, Sandi Monda and Jerry Ronan for assisting with the selection process.

Students and Government Day participants were introduced and presented with Certificates of Recognition by their counterpart elected official/ department head.

The Council recessed at 8:06 p.m., and Mayor Scotto called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m. to conduct regular business.

3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, April 26, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – continued

Councilmember Numark announced that the City Council Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Thursday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's assembly room to discuss the restoration of the Torrance Bridge.

Councilmember Brewer announced that City Council budget workshops/hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS – continued

6B. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the quarterly report from the Centennial Committee covering the period of January 2012 through March 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to affirm the vote of Students and Government Mayor and Council to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Michael Bell, Center for Learning Unlimited, announced that the 7th annual "Rev'ed Up 4 Kids" charity car show presented by Eldelbrock will take place on Sunday, May 6, at Vic's Garage, 510 Madrid Avenue.

7B. Debbie Hays, Centennial Committee, reported on the city-wide cleanup/beautification program held during the month of April and thanked everyone who participated.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. MARCH 2012 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for March 2012.

8B. CHANGE ORDER RE IRRIGATION AND SPRINKLER PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a change order with Aqua-Flo Supply (PO 2012-128) of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$10,000, for a new not to exceed total of \$49,000, for irrigation and sprinkler parts on an as needed basis.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTIONS RE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution initiating proceedings to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Engineer's Report for the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution of Intention to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 setting date of May 22, 2012 for the public hearing.

For the benefit of the public, Councilmember Rhilinger noted that the proposed assessment rates have remained unchanged since 1999-2000 and do not exceed the rates approved in June 1999, therefore the City Council may levy the assessments without further approval of property owners.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$1,000 donation from Surf Management, Inc.;
- 2) Accept a \$500 donation from Van Lingen Towing;
- 3) Accept a \$200 donation from the Torrance Women's Club;
- 4) Accept a \$50 donation from Minuteman Press;
- 5) Accept miscellaneous revenues from Centennial sales of promotional items and bricks; and
- 6) Appropriate the \$11,896.23 which includes \$1,750 in donations and \$10,146.23 in miscellaneous revenues to the 2012 Centennial Committee Budget – FEAP #739.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

12C. APPROVAL OF INSCRIPTION ON TIME CAPSULE

Recommendation

Recommendation of City Manager that City Council approve the inscription on the monument cap covering of the Torrance Centennial Time Capsule which will be buried at the Torrance Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park.

Management Associate Barthe-Jones reviewed the following options for the inscription of the time capsule: 1) Torrance Centennial Time Capsule, Buried September 16, 2012, to be opened 2112; 2) Buried Time Capsule: Open on September 16, 2112; 3) Torrance Centennial Time Capsule – Buried September 16, 2012 – Open on September 16, 2112.

Councilmember Brewer recommended incorporating the City's logo on the monument cap if there is room.

Councilmember Numark recommended replacing the word "buried" with the word "dedicated" and not specifying the date on which the time capsule is to be opened other than to note that it should be opened during the bicentennial in 2112.

A brief discussion ensued, and the Mayor and Council concurred with Councilmember Brewer's and Councilmember Numark's recommendations.

City Clerk Herbers noted that the City has an official seal in addition to a logo, and it was the consensus of the Council to put the City's seal on the monument cap since it dates back to 1921 and the logo will be represented on the bricks in the plaza.

Mayor Scotto suggested that it would be helpful if the Council could be provided with a drawing of the lid with the layout of the wording.

Janet Payne, Torrance, voiced her opinion that the fewer words used on the monument cap the better.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer to direct City Manager staff to explore recommendations made by the Council and to bring the item back at the May 8, 2012 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR SB 1386

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council take a position in support of SB 1386, introduced by State Senator Lowenthal, that clarifies the State Water Code and eliminates duplication of function for management of groundwater by municipal water districts.

Public Works Director Beste advised that SB 1386 was drafted to clear up jurisdictional issues involving groundwater and staff was recommending that the City Council support this legislation.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

12E. APPROVAL OF TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TERMINAL MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Transportation Committee that City Council approve the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Master Plan concept.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal Master Plan concept was reviewed by the City Council Transportation Committee on April 17, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

12F. PRELIMINARY ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS FOR TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TERMINAL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council provide direction regarding the various preliminary architectural concepts of the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal (FEAP #764) located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard.

With the aid of slides, Aaron Kelly, RNL Associate Principal, provided an overview of the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal Master Plan, Phase 1 and Phase 2. He shared examples of transit centers from around the world to illustrate different architectural styles/elements. Using renderings and models to illustrate, he presented three options for the architectural design of the terminal.

Councilmember Furey expressed concerns that stairs, walkways and courtyards in all three concepts provide little cover to protect commuters from inclement weather. He also expressed concerns that afternoon winds from the west could create a wind-tunnel effect.

Mr. Kelly advised that he was aware of the prevailing afternoon winds and the terminal had been designed accordingly.

Mayor Scotto stressed the need to locate the retail component where there will be the most foot traffic and related his belief that all retail space should be on the second level. He suggested providing a seating area off the retail space for the convenience of customers.

Councilmember Brewer recommended designing the retail space so there is flexibility in terms of size, such as including walls that could be removed to create a larger tenant space.

Councilmember Rhilinger expressed concerns that all the designs involve passengers having to climb stairs to the second level and then go down stairs to the bus platform.

Mr. Kelly explained that the two-level design was for safety purposes to keep passengers away from bus traffic and noted that there will be an elevator for those who do not want to use the stairs.

Mayor Scotto expressed concerns that people do not like to wait for elevators and voiced his opinion that it was important the escalators be incorporated into the design.

Mr. Kelly cautioned that escalators would add approximately \$1 million to the cost of the project.

Councilmember Numark stated that he would like to see examples of other comparable bus terminals before adding \$1 million to the cost for escalators.

Mr. Kelly stated that it was his professional opinion that an escalator would not be warranted for the first phase of the terminal since most of the passengers are expected to enter from the parking structure and only 5-10% of passengers would be using the stairway to the upper level.

Mayor Scotto noted that all passengers will have to get from the second level down to the bus platform, therefore it would make more sense to install an escalator there.

Councilmember Numark indicated that he favored relocating second level executive office/conference space to the first level so that this area can be used for retail space.

Assistant City Manager Giordano clarified that the area being referred to as executive office/conference space is actually to be used for training and/or a community meeting room.

Mayor Scotto reiterated his position that the retail space needs to be in a highly visible area on the second level.

Mr. Kelly expressed his willingness to revise the design based on the Council's input and return in two weeks.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to continue this matter to May 15, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UTILITY DISTRICTS NOS. 19 AND 20

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to determine whether public necessity, health, safety, or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires, associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar service in the Underground Utility Districts (UUD) No. 19 (Del Amo Boulevard from Henrietta Street to Victor Street) and No. 20 (Van Ness Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Cravens Avenue);
- 2) Accept the Engineer's Report; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution establishing Underground Utility Districts No. 19 and No. 20.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Councilmember Furey asked about undergrounding utilities on Crenshaw in the area of the new Torrance Transit Regional Terminal. City Manager Jackson advised that such a project would be very expensive because it involves high voltage lines and available funds have been allocated to the Hawthorne Boulevard project.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBERS 19 AND 20 AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES, AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey reported on the Torrance Relay for Life held at South High last weekend. He noted that over \$213,000 has been raised so far for the American Cancer Society and the goal is to reach \$250,000 by August and that the organization that raised the most funds was the Torrance Employees Variety Show (\$22,000) and the individual who raised the most funds was Brian Sunshine (\$7,000).

17B. Councilmember Furey reported on his attendance at the Golden Bear drill competition for Jr. ROTC hosted by the North High Saxon battalion, which took place at the Del Amo mall parking lot with 58 schools participating from 4 states.

17C. Councilmember Furey announced that Old Torrance Festival Day, benefiting the South Bay Police and Fire Memorial Foundation and the Torrance Relay for Life, will be held on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 6:00 p.m. He noted that the event is sponsored by the Torrance Firefighters Association and the Buffalo Fire Department and Depot restaurants and will feature carnival games, live entertainment, a chili cook-off and a display of vintage fire trucks.

17D. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that another presentation in the "Seniors Don't Be Scammed" series will be offered on the topic of identity theft on Tuesday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, which will include a bonus feature on staying fit.

17E. Councilmember Brewer encouraged the public to visit the online calendar of events on the City's website, which includes listings for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation's presentation "Four Bitchin Babes" on Saturday, May 5, and the Torrance Theatre Company's presentation "Til Beth Do Us Part" every weekend through May 19.

17F. Mayor Scotto reminded the public that the City was accepting applications for the new Hometown Heroes banner program, with information available on the City's website.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:11 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The 1st City Council Budget Workshop/Hearing will be considered during the regular City Council meeting.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 5, 2012